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This Instruction Memorandum is to provide clarification on Washington Office IM No. 2002-053, Preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact, dated December 18, 2001.

Requirements of IM No. 2002-053 are not limited only to decision for which a NEPA Document is being prepared, but to all official decisions. Therefore, for each official decisions we must (1) determine whether there will be an adverse energy impact and (2) document that adverse impact.

If no adverse energy impact can be determined, we can include a single sentence in the decision stating, "There will be no adverse energy impact." In such situations, there is no need to send notification to the Washington Office.

In situations where it is determined and adverse energy impact will occur, the following steps must be taken:

Document the determination and decision process in a statement of adverse energy impact according to the instructions and example in WO IM No. 2002-053.

Make the determination part of the public record (including part of the record of decision if one exists).

Send a copy of the statement to the National Energy Office at WO-300.

Making a decision as to whether there will not be an energy impact is just one of the factors to be considered in reaching an official decision. WO IM No. 2002-053 is not meant to alter or detract from the delegated authority for making any official decision. The National Energy Office is not meant to be a clearinghouse for decisions that you, as managers, intend to make.

If you have any questions, you may contact Al Burch at (602) 417-9221 or Erick Kaarlela at (202) 452-0341 in the National Energy Office at WO 300. WO encourages your comments or concerns about implementing this policy. If you send comments to WO, please send a copy to the DSD for Resources (AZ 930).

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